

RICHARDS GARDENS

Bigger and Better than Ever

**PLAINWELL,
MICHIGAN**

FALL BARGAIN FOLDER

INTRODUCTORY OFFER

To Acquaint You With Our Fine Peonies

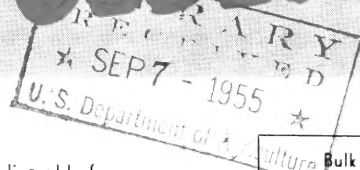
3 GREAT PEONIES

MARY BRAND. Bright red.
MYRTLE GENTRY. Light pink.
SARAH BERNHARDT. Appleblossom pink.

A \$3.00 List Value

Postpaid Only..... **\$2.00**

WORLD'S LARGEST GROWER OF PERENNIAL SEEDLINGS



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Giant Flowering Pacific Hybrid DELPHINIUM

We Are The World's Largest Growers of Delphinium Seedling

ASTOLAT. A utterly new and different series of Delphinium. Colors range from palest pink through all shades of lilac pink to deep raspberry rose. The large black or fawn-colored bees provide a striking contrast.

BLACK KNIGHT. Flowers are of darkest royal violet shades. Blooms are enormous, produced on solid, erect spikes. A remarkably rich color.

BLUE JAY. Intense shades from medium to dark blue all with darker bee. Superbly tall spikes with large flowers. A strong grower and heavy bloomer.

CAMELAIRD. Well formed spikes of clear soft lavender flowers with white bee. Very large, round florets of perfect form. Very strong grower with strong stems.

GALAHAD. Glistening pure white flowers of enormous size with white bee. Flowers often reach three inches in diameter and are of beautiful heavy texture on 5- to 6-foot stems.

30c ea.; 3 for 75c; 6 for \$1.25; 12 for \$2.40.

SPECIAL BARGAIN

1 Each of the five varieties listed below for only **\$2.25**

3 Each of the five varieties listed below for only **\$5.75**

SPECIAL BARGAIN

5 Round Table Delphinium

\$1.00

GUINEVERE. Beautiful large blooms of light pink-lavender self with white bee. Spikes are unbelievably large with excellent branching habits.

KING ARTHUR. Beautifully formed flowers of rich royal purple with velvety texture and large white bee. Long, graceful spikes; very large florets. One of the most brilliant Delphiniums.

PERCIVAL. Extremely long, spikes thickly studded with clear white blooms with brown bee. Individual blooms are large size. An outstanding new variety.

ROUND TABLE. A mixture comprised of a superb color range of all shades available. For sheer beauty, vigor and quality they are unequalled.

SUMMER SKIES. Enchanting clear light blue with white bee. Blooms are as clear as a summer sky. A color long sought after in the Hybrid Delphiniums. No planting is complete without Summer Skies.

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Giant Hardy PEONIES

MARY BRAND. A bright clear red. The plant has excellent foliage and strong, stiff stems. One of the most satisfactory cut flowers. \$1.00 each.

SARAH BERNHARDT. A mid-season variety of appleblossom pink. The flowers are semi-rose type, very large, and perfectly formed. Free flowering. 75c each.

MONS JULES ELIE. Immense flowers of silvery pink. The plant is medium tall with strong stems and light green foliage. An early bloomer. 75c each.

FESTIVA MAXIMA. Flowers of paperwhite with crimson flakes on a few of the center petals. Very large and full rose type. Early. 75c each.

REINE HORTENSE. Very large, perfectly formed flowers of a uniform rose-pink with guard and center petals marked crimson. A midseason variety. 75c each.

MME. JULES DESSERT. Large blooms of white shaded with buff and salmon tints. One of the most beautiful Peonies. 75c each.

LA PERLE. Beautiful double Peonies of Old Rose pink. Very fragrant. Midseason. 75c each.

RICHARD CARVEL. One of the best early reds. Large, compact blooms. Strong grower are very free flowering. \$1.00 each.

PHILOMELE. Medium size with dark Old Rose guard petals surrounding the anemone center of amber-yellow. 75c each.

MYRTLE GENTRY. Rose type; opens light pink fading to almost white. Tints of salmon showing through the center. \$1.25 each.

PEONY BARGAIN

5 PEONIES. Your choice of any five varieties listed below

\$3.50

PEONY BARGAIN

5 PEONIES. Mixed our choice of varieties for only **\$2.00**

PEONY BARGAIN

3 PEONIES. One each Red, White and Pink only **\$1.65**





Pike's Peak Pink

Colorful IRIS

BLUE RHYTHM. A large cornflower-blue with a silvery sheen. Free blooming, vigorous, and a rapid multiplier. Dykes Medal Winner, 1950; Iris of the Year, 1955. \$1.00 each.

BLUE SHIMMER. One of the all time great Iris. The mammoth white flowers have a heavy blue border and are also dotted with blue. Award of Merit, 1944; Iris of the Year, 1955. 75c each.

DAZZELIER. Tall, regal golden-yellow which dominates the garden. The large blossoms are overlaid with bright orange. Rich blue-green foliage is attractive after the blossoms are gone. \$3.50 each.

HEROIQUE. Modern Iris are distinctive in color and size, but if you want to really amaze your friends and neighbors, HEROIQUE is the Iris for you. Glistening white blossoms up to 9 inches in size, perfectly spaced on sturdy stalks. \$2.50 each.

PIKE'S PEAK PINK. A flamingo-pink with indescribably delicate coloring. One of the outstanding pinks available now at such a low price that every gardener may enjoy it. \$1.00 each.

IRIS BARGAIN

5 Outstanding Iris. An \$8.25 catalog value for only **\$4.95**

All rhizomes are carefully labeled, packed, and shipped prepaid.

Outstanding TULIP BARGAINS

Here is an opportunity to have a rainbow of color in your garden next Spring at a big savings. We offer the best color varieties of popular Darwin Tulips—an unusual assortment of reds, yellows, purples, pinks, white, etc. All of these bulbs are large, blooming-size bulbs that are fully guaranteed. Our supply is limited so be sure to order at once.

10 Mixed DARWIN TULIPS for **75c**

25 Mixed DARWIN TULIPS for **\$1.50**

50 Mixed DARWIN TULIPS for **\$2.75**

CARNATION Grenadin

GOLDEN SUN. Magnificent large flowers of clear golden yellow. Exquisite sweet fragrance. Excellent for cutting and garden planting. Plants are free flowering and attain a height of 18 inches.

PINK. We highly recommend this Carnation for its outstanding clear pink color. This particular variety is a very free grower and bloomer, and is a favorite for cutting as well as garden planting. Spicily fragrant.

RED. A truly striking brilliant red color; makes a very showy display in the garden. Produces an abundance of magnificent blooms during June and July. Much desired for garden and bouquets.

WHITE. Every carnation planting should include this sparkling white variety to complete the color range. The lovely blooms are produced on long stems making them excellent for cutting. Plants are extremely hardy; free-flowering.

MIXED SHADES. A veritable rainbow of colors! An abundance of flowers are produced during June and July. The delightfully fragrant flowers are excellent for cutting and garden use.

25c ea.; 3 for 60c; 6 for \$1.10; 12 for \$1.90

BARGAIN

10 CARNATIONS. Two each of the varieties listed above for only **\$1.50**



BARGAIN

25 FOXGLOVES. Assorted Colors only **\$3.00**

Richards Glorious Hardy Phlox

AFRICA. Brilliant carmine-red with blood-red eye. Extra large florets compose the well-shaped flower head. Healthy and vigorous.

BRIGADIER. Large flower heads of sparkling carmine-red with shading. Eye is clear red. Blooms freely.

CHARLES CURTIS. Flower heads are large and of unusually clear and sparkling Sunset-red. Flowers do not discolor in the sun or fade with age. A fine strong grower.

DAILY SKETCH. Extra large florets of light salmon-pink with crimson-rose eye. Color does not fade, but stays clear throughout. Robust and rugged grower.

ELIZABETH ARDEN. Heavy bloom trusses are soft rhodamine-pink with a pale ring around the red eye.

FLASH. An unusual and striking color combination—florets are a rich carmine-rose with orange-scarlet center. Well shaped flower heads composed of large florets. Vigorous.

HARVEST FIRE. Mammoth flower heads of salmon-orange. The florets are very large; the foliage is clean and healthy. Prolific bloomer. Bottom branching type.

LEO SCHLAGETER. Seldom has one seen such a brilliant shade of red. The blooms seem to glow like fire. Large, full heads on 3-foot plants. Early.

LILLIAN. The florets are a very fine pale salmon with distinct blue eye. Compact flower heads; well-formed florets. A good grower with clean foliage and a prolific bloomer.

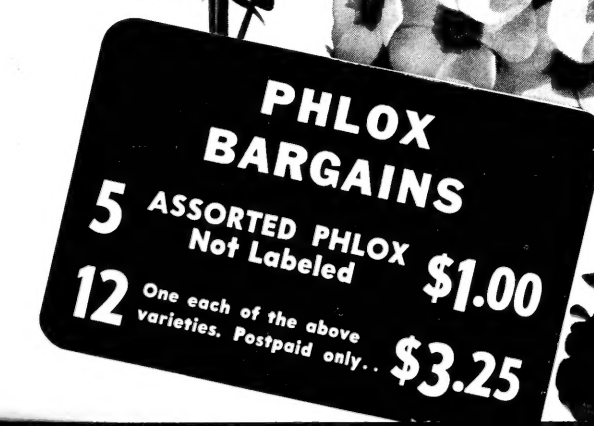
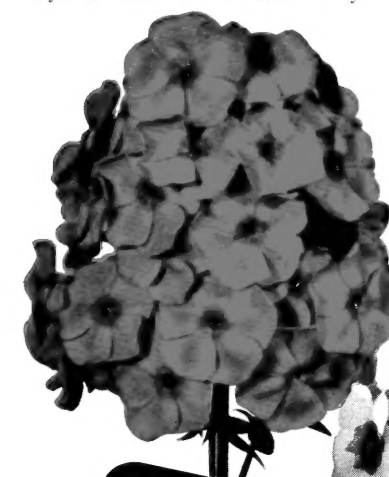
MARY LOUISE. An exceptionally fine white Phlox. Flower heads are of unusually large size. A good grower with clean foliage and a prolific bloomer.

MIA RUYS. A dwarf growing variety that is excellent for borders. The large trusses are of pure white. A good grower with clean foliage.

SALMON GLOW. Large flower heads of rich salmon. Tall straight stems. Very free blooming. Clean healthy foliage. Very striking.

PRICES:

35c each,
3 for \$1.00,
6 for \$1.75,
12 for \$3.25.



PHLOX BARGAINS

5 ASSORTED PHLOX Not Labeled **\$1.00**
12 One each of the above varieties. Postpaid only. **\$3.25**

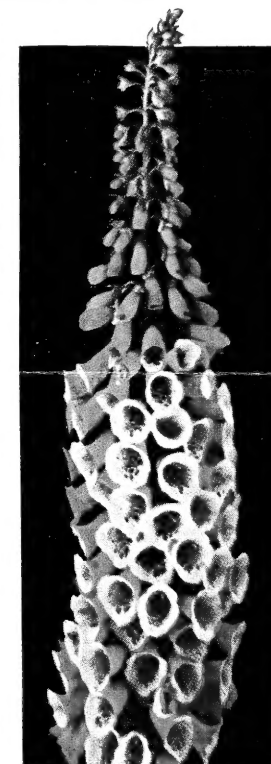
CAMPANULA

The old favorite "Canterbury Bells," so well loved by all flower growers. The plants are a thrilling sight in June and July when the branches are loaded with charming bell-shaped flowers, the edges of which are softly rolled and fluted. Plants grow 2 to 3 feet tall and are extremely showy in mixed borders. This always popular plant with its interesting flower form and delightful colors makes a showy display wherever grown. We offer the following colors: Blue, Pink, White, Double & Single Mixed.

25c ea.; 3 for 60c; 6 for \$1.10; 12 for \$1.90

SPECIAL OFFER

25 CAMPANULA Assorted Colors only **\$3.00**



FOXGLOVES (Digitalis) Giant Shirley Hybrids

This elegant strain of an old-fashioned flower attains a height of 4 feet and is crowded with big, bell-shaped blossoms making it ideal for tall, colorful backgrounds. The color mixture is superb, ranging from white to pink to deepest rose, many attractively dotted crimson or chocolate. Does well in ordinary soil and may be planted in either full sun or in partial shade. We highly recommend this variety. They make a charming effect when grown in masses, and readily reproduce themselves from seed.

25c ea.; 3 for 60c; 6 for \$1.10; 12 for \$1.90



SPECIAL GIFT

On orders of \$5.00 or more, ordered from this folder, we will send you free of charge one hardy, high rated peony of our selection.

PYRETHRUM

Showy flowers of all shades of color except blue and yellow. The blooms are produced freely on long stems throughout spring. Very valuable for cutting. They grow in a neat, compact tuft, and have finely cut foliage, which adds to the attractiveness of the plant.

RED. Colors range from red to deepest crimson; considered the finest of all reds.

PINK. Colors range from pastel pink to deepest pink and rose.

MIXED. The finest strain of painted daisies in a wide range of mixed colors. Plants carry beautiful blooms of single over-lapping petals on tall, strong stems. We consider this strain superior.

25c ea.; 3 for 60c; 6 for \$1.10; 12 for \$1.90

AQUILEGIA

CLEMATIFLORA. Resembles a Clematis. Blooms in pastel shades.

CRIMSON STAR. Magnificent blooms of bright crimson outside, waxy white inside.

LONGISSIMA. Large, sparkling yellow blooms.

LONG SPURRED BLUE. Large flowers with extremely long spurs. Colors range in all shades of blue.

MRS. SCOTT ELLIOTT'S HYBRIDS. All shades of lavender, purple, red, white, yellow, blue and pink.

ROSE QUEEN. Rich, deep rose color.

SILVER QUEEN. Silvery white.

25c each; 3 for 60c;
6 for \$1.10; 12 for \$1.90



4 ORIENTAL POPPIES FOR ONLY \$2.00 "Brilliant Exotic Color"

Here Are the Varieties You Get:

CHEERIO. Huge flowers with pink petals with dark red splashes of color in the cup. A rugged grower. Very showy.

HELEN ELIZABETH. Deeply crinkled petals of clear, unshaded salmon-pink without any splotches of other color. One of the best pinks.

WURTEMBERGIA. Flowers of flaming scarlet with very glossy black blotches. Flowers of great size and carried on strong stems.

MANDARIN—Grenadine Red, a rich real Chinese red without base spots in established plants.

60c each; 3 for \$1.65



BARGAIN
McKanas
Giant
Hybrids **\$1.00**
(All American 1954)

Bleeding HEART

(DICENTRA SPECTABILIS)

3 Hardy 1 Yr. Field **\$1.65**
Grown Plants only

An old-fashioned favorite popular with all generations since our grandmother's day. It's long racemes of heart-shaped pink flowers hang gracefully from tall sturdy stems. Plants are very hardy and bloom over a long period of time. The finely cut, fernlike foliage adds to the attractiveness of the plant. Very desirable for the hardy border as well as forcing in the house. Plant in a partially shaded spot.

60c each; 3 for \$1.65

